

**Belle Fourche School District 9-1**  
**2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Belle Fourche, SD 57717**

2016-2017 Beginning of School  
Information Newsletter

Non-Profit Organization  
Bulk Permit #3  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

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**Belle Fourche School District 9-1**

*Acquiring Skills To Build Futures*



## **Mission Statement**

We, the members of the Belle Fourche Community, are committed to building a learning community and ensuring all learners equal opportunity for an excellent education program that results in learners who are responsible and accountable, who value lifelong learning and know how to learn; and who are capable of succeeding in a changing society.

## **School Registration**

**New Students:** All new students to the District must register at the Administration Offices (2305 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.). Parents of new students to the District must stop at the Administration Offices to begin the enrollment process as soon as possible and sign a release for the student's transcripts. Parents are also asked to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records.

**High School:** All students planning to attend High School in Belle Fourche must register at the High School office **during August 9 - 10 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or August 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Students should bring \$25.00 for an activity ticket. Adult tickets are available for \$35.00. This ticket will be for admission to athletic events. Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior class dues are \$3.00. All class dues are to be paid at the class meeting which will be held on the first day of school.

**Freshmen** will report to the **High School gym on Monday, August 22 at 7:50 a.m.** for an assembly. They will be on an abbreviated schedule and will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. No lunch will be served this day. No buses for high school students this day.

**Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors** will report to the high school gym on **Monday, August 22 at 12:15 p.m.** They will be on an abbreviated schedule and will be dismissed at 3:37 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 23** will be a regular class day for all High School students. Classes start at 7:50 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:37 p.m. Buses will be running on their regular schedule. 2016-17 High School Annuals will be on sale during registration for \$35.00. Annuals purchased after January 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$40.00.

High School beginning and dismissal times are 7:50 a.m. and 3:37 p.m.

**Freshmen and New Students Orientation:**  
**Thursday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. – High School Gym**

**NEW for BFHS in the fall of 2016!** All BFHS students, grades 9-12, will be issued a school owned laptop. The laptop can be taken home and students are expected to bring it to school in fully charged condition each morning. Each student will be required to pay a non-refundable \$25 deposit (maximum of \$50 per family), or sign a waiver for self-insurance. Many home-owner's insurance policies will cover these laptops so you may want to look into that prior to the start of the school year. Students that qualify for free/reduced meals may have the deposit waived. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE YOUR LAPTOP ISSUED UNTIL YOU'VE EITHER PAID YOUR DEPOSIT OR SIGNED THE SELF-INSURED WAIVER.** It is very important to get this taken care of during registration or prior to school starting on August 22. Laptops will be checked out to students on August 22.

## **Belle Fourche Education Connection (BFEC)**

School Registration: All students planning on attending BFEC must register at the Belle Fourche High School on August 17 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. New student registration will be done by appointment. School will begin on August 22 for Monday/Tuesday students and August 24 for Wednesday/Thursday students.

## **Best Buddies Mentoring Program**

The Best Buddies Mentoring Program provides Juniors and Seniors the opportunity to enrich elementary students' lives. This program is a great way for Juniors and Seniors to be role models and helps build scholarship opportunities. The mentoring program involves up to an hour of fun filled activities and memories for both the high school student and the elementary student. Sign-up sheets will be available at registration or contact Brian at 210-0056 or Jeff at 723-3350  
**VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN A CHILD'S LIFE!**

## High School After School Program Grades 9-12



Time: 3:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Assigned Rooms will be posted

Days: Monday through Thursday after school with Friday morning Intersessions. Activities will include homework help, access to computer lab, ACT prep, special projects, scholarship preparation, and other activities. Students will sign up for the activity they will participate in. (Funded by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant)

### Phone Numbers

Administration Offices - 723-3355    Athletic Director - 723-3359

High School - 723-3350    Special Education - 723-3356

Middle School - 723-3367    Building & Grounds - 723-3360

South Park - 723-3382    Food Service - 723-3377

North Park - 723-3379    Early Intervention - 723-9139

Nurse - Contact your child's school building

Education Connection (Alt School) - 723-3350

Bus Garage - 892-2683

**Middle School:** All students in grades 5-8 must register during the following: Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Belle Fourche Middle School Office.

5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be receiving a special newsletter with necessary information. Come meet the new teachers at the Middle School Open House on Monday, August 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Homeroom Assignments** will be posted on the entrance doors at the end of the work day on August 17.

**Monday, August 22,** Middle School students attend half day from 7:55 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **No lunch will be served.** Buses will run a.m. and p.m. Parents are invited to meet with the teachers from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Middle School beginning and dismissal times: 7:55 a.m. – 3:43 p.m.

### **Belle Fourche Band Night**



Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginners Band

BFMS Band and Choir Room

Haggerty's will be here. Parents and students come and listen to the music stores rental plans, and make your selections of instruments, cleaning kits, reeds, valve oil, and lesson books. Orders will be taken, and delivery will be made at the school, the first week of school in time for the first lesson.

### **After School Jam Program Grades 5-8**

Time: 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Middle School Lunch Room

Dates: Monday through Thursday with Friday Intersessions (sessions to be posted)

Activities include homework zone, computer lab and other enrichment activities planned each night. In town shuttle bus

will be provided with bus stops at the High School, South Park, Herrmann Park and North Park. Waiver/consent forms are needed for participation. These can be picked up at the Middle School office. If you have questions, please call 723-3367 or 641-3139.

**Early Dismissal Dates for North Park (2:10 p.m.), South Park (2:20 p.m.) and Middle School (2:43 p.m.):** September 14, October 12, December 14, January 11, February 8 and May 10.

### **Elementary – Grades 1-4 - South Park Elem**

Students in Grades 1-4 must register at South Park School during the following days: Tuesday, August 9 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 10 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teachers will not be available during this time. **Elementary students will find out their teacher at registration.**

**Open house** for parents/students grades 1-4, Monday, August 22 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Meet the teachers and bring your supplies.

**1<sup>st</sup> day of School for Grades 1-4 is Tuesday, August 23.**

### **Kindergarten – North Park Elem**

Students in kindergarten must register at North Park School during the following days: Tuesday, August 9 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Wednesday, August 10 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teachers will not be available during this time.

**Kindergarten students will find out their teacher and start date at registration.**

**Kindergarten Open House** is Monday, August 22 between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. at North Park School.

Kindergarten students must provide the school with a certified copy of their **birth certificate** and must have their **immunization records** up to date prior to beginning school. If you did this during spring registration, you do not need to provide this information again.

**Elementary beginning and dismissal times:**

North Park: 8:10 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

South Park: 8:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

### **\*\*Elementary Parents Please Note\*\***

Buses will be loading on Stanley Street again this year. This street will be closed to all traffic except for school buses.

Please use Valley Drive to deliver children to school.

Bus Routes: The routes will be similar to last year. Parents are requested to watch for the buses when they run their first routes on August 22. New residences along the bus routes outside of the city limits should contact the Bus Garage at 892-2683 to arrange pick up of their children. The School Board has authorized town K-8 students to ride the buses between schools. In the mornings, students in grades K-8 will

be allowed to get on a bus at any of the regular school stops to their school of attendance. In the afternoon, they may again board a bus at their school of attendance and ride to any of the regular school stops. Parents wishing to utilize the in town busing service should watch the District website and get information during registrations for a complete schedule showing locations, times and bus numbers. **REMINDER:** (A) Any bus discipline problems will result in forfeiture of the privilege to ride; and (B) Rural bus students will always have priority for space. High school students are not allowed to utilize the in town shuttles.

**NOTICE** - To promote safe and healthy schools, the Belle Fourche School District will continue to conduct unannounced random drug searches of our facilities. These drug searches may be conducted by, but not limited to, a school administrator, the School District Resource Officer, a private contractor hired by the School District or police. All drug searches will be conducted in a prudent and professional manner under the direction of a School District Building Supervisor or Superintendent of Schools.

## **Checks written to Belle Fourche School District:**

Nonsufficient funds checks will be assessed a \$20.00 fee. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. For inquiries, please call 723-3355. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day you make your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.



PROGRAM FEATURES AND INFORMATION FROM  
YOUR FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AT BELLE  
FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-1

We look forward to the coming school year at Belle Fourche School District as Lunchtime Solutions continues to provide the food service program in our schools. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with some idea of what is to expect from our food service program. If you have any questions or comments about our program, please

feel free to contact Justin Olson, Food Service Director at 605-569-1957 or [Justin@lunchtimesolutions.com](mailto:Justin@lunchtimesolutions.com). For your convenience, our menus are posted monthly on the School District website.

## **School Breakfast**

Breakfast is served in the dining areas before school starts. Please encourage your student to participate in school breakfast. Research studies show that eating breakfast can help students perform better in the classroom. Breakfast prices are:

Paid students \$1.65 for all grade levels  
Reduced price students \$0.30  
Free Students \$0.00

## **School Lunch:**

School lunch will offer a wide variety of choices for students. Elementary students are offered two entrée choices daily, while MS/HS students are offered five entrée choices daily. Entrees could include home-style chicken and noodles, Italian foods, Mexican foods, chicken nuggets, entrée salads, wraps and sub sandwiches. All meals include an entrée choice, a hot vegetable plus the unlimited Fruit and Veggie Bar and milk choices.

## **Extra Entrée – Extra Milk**

All students, at an extra cost, can purchase an additional entrée or milk offered as a part of the school lunch program. For example, if a student wants a second entrée, or an additional entrée, like a slice of pizza, then that entrée can be selected in the lunch line and charged to the student's account. Extra entrees are only sold to students who first purchase a school lunch. All students can have extra servings of canned fruit, fresh fruit, vegetables, and salads at no charge. All extra servings of these items are free. If a student is free or reduced, they may receive one entrée with their meal, but they must have money in their account to purchase any extra entrées.

## **Website Link for Menus:**

<http://www.lunchtimesolutions.com/current-newsletter/?schoolname=Belle%20Fourche%20School%20District>

## **Cruisin' Café**

Cruisin' Café is a "grab & go" meal for High School students that are leaving campus or have school meetings to attend during lunch period. The meal features premium entrees and sides and is available for \$4.05.

## **Snacks**

For Middle/High School students, snack items will be available during the lunch period. Snack items offered may include: fruit drinks, snack mixes like Chex mix, a variety of chips, cookies and granola bars. All snacks meet standards set by the Belle Fourche Wellness Policy. Snack items are only sold to Middle School students who have a school lunch. All students must have money in their account to purchase snack items.

## **School Lunch Account**

**Lunch account deposits must be made in the morning before school starts for the day.**

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE EZSCHOOLPAY TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND/OR VIEW YOUR STUDENT'S MEAL ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS ONLINE!! Visit the District's website at [www.bellefourcheschools.org](http://www.bellefourcheschools.org) under Parents for additional information on EZSchoolPay.**

Payment by check may be mailed to: (or drop off at your student's school office)

Belle Fourche School District 9-1

Attn: Food Service

2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Be sure to include your name, your student's name, and your student's lunch account number. Also include any changes in your address or telephone number.

The District's Lunch Account Policy for the 2016-2017 school year allows students to charge up to \$5.00 against their account. When an account balance is low, students receive a minimum of three reminders to bring lunch money. At this point, when an account reaches a negative \$10.00 all purchases will **stop**. If the student is a free student, they still will be able to purchase a school lunch, but no extra entrées will be allowed.

**PIN NUMBERS: All students will be using their Infinite Campus (our student management system) Person ID number as their meal account number.**

## **Diet Modifications**

Families are responsible for notifying the School Food Service if the child requires a diet modification because of a life threatening disability. A licensed physician must provide specific written medical documentation. Please contact Justin at the School Food Service office for more information.

## **Unlimited Servings of Fruits and Veggies**

All students purchasing the regular school lunch may have extra servings from the fruit and veggie bar: fresh fruit, canned fruit, and fresh vegetables at no charge. **All extra servings of these items are free.** Locally grown produce is featured when possible in our Farmers Market Selections, along with nutritional information.



Contact Justin Olson, Food Service Director at 605-569-1957 or at [Justin@lunchtimesolutions.com](mailto:Justin@lunchtimesolutions.com)

## **School meal prices for 2016-2017 are:**

	Lunch	Breakfast
Grades K-4	\$2.65	\$1.65
Grades 5-8	\$2.80	\$1.65
Grades 9-12	\$3.00	\$1.65
HS Crusin' Café	\$4.05	
Adults	\$4.00	\$2.00
Extra Milk (half pint)	50¢	
Extra Entrées (if available)		
Grades K-12 and Adults	\$1.75	

Join us anytime! Please feel free to join your student for a meal on any day. The cost for an adult breakfast is \$2.00 and an adult lunch is \$4.00. We hope to see you there!

**Free & Reduced Meal Applications must be received in the Administration Office AND approved before school starts.**

Applications can be picked up at the District Administration Building or are available on the website. Children from families whose income falls at or below the level shown on the scale are eligible for either free or reduced price meals at 40¢ for lunch



and 30¢ for breakfast. To apply for free or reduced price meals, please fill out an application as soon as possible, sign it, and return it to the school.

Applications may be received when you register your child/children, or may be picked up in any of the school offices or the Administration Office at any time. Please list all of your children's names on one application. You will be notified of the eligibility determination.

**\*\*Note\*\*** Even if you have participated in the free and reduced meal program in previous years, a new application is required each school year.

## Below are the income guidelines:

(effective from July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

**Participants may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income is at or below the limits on this chart:**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL	MONTH	WEEK
1	21,978	1,832	423
2	29,637	2,470	570
3	37,296	3,108	718
4	44,955	3,747	865
5	52,614	4,385	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	1,160
7	67,951	5,663	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	1,455
For each add'l family member	7,696	642	148

The information attached to the application explains eligibility and how to apply for meal benefits. If you have any questions or need help in filling out an application form, please contact Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, at 723-3355. You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

School Districts are now automatically notified of children in approved SNAP and/or TANF households. Thus the printed notice will no longer be sent for the household to complete and submit to the School District.



In an effort to encourage students that may be experiencing bullying, harassment or intimidation and are too fearful or not quite ready to come forward face-to-face to report the matter, the Belle Fourche School District has implemented the CyberBully Hotline program.

Our desire and efforts are always first focused on encouraging students to report such issues directly to a teacher, counselor, coach or school administrator. However, in some cases, a student can be overcome with fear and worry about who to talk to, what to say, may fear retaliation, or may fear losing respect of their peers by being labeled a "rat" or "snitch".

Students with such fears need a reporting path and the CyberBullying Hotline is designed to do just that. Here are a few high-level details and you can learn more at [www.cyberbullyhotline.com](http://www.cyberbullyhotline.com)

How it works:

The school has published the following hotline number:

**605-277-1837**

- Students can send a text message to this number or call and leave a voice message.
- Their Caller ID is masked, making their report anonymous.
- The messages are forwarded to one or more school officials designated to monitor for reports.
- The monitors have the ability to reply to text messages and start a two-way anonymous chat.
- The goal is to engage the student to begin a dialog and start a resolution process.

Our goal is to ensure that each student feels comfortable coming forward, either face-to-face or anonymously. Encourage your student to use all the services that are offered by the Belle Fourche School District to help resolve any issues that they may face. We are here to help, but we cannot help if we do not know.

As a parent, you are also welcome to report issues. Anything that you think we should know to ensure the health and safety of our students should be reported.

If you have further questions, or require further information, please contact our office, visit the CyberBully Hotline section on the school website, or visit [cyberbullyhotline.com](http://cyberbullyhotline.com) to learn more.

Regards,  
Dr. Steve Willard  
Superintendent

**Facility Rental:** Out of school groups wishing to use school facilities should contact Clay Anderson at 723-3359.

**FALL SPORTS BEGIN:** You must have a physical before beginning practice!

- July 21 – HS Soccer (Grades 7-12) sign-up/parent meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Roundup Soccer Complex
- August 1 – Soccer practice begins – times will be announced at parent meeting
- August 1 – Competitive Dance practice begins- South Park - 4:00 p.m. (Parent meeting - 6:00 p.m.)
- August 1 – Competitive Cheer Practice - Middle School - 4:45 p.m. (Parent meeting – 6:30 p.m.)
- August 8 - Boys Golf Meeting (Grades 7-12) at the Golf Course - 10:00 a.m.
- August 9 - HS Football, Volleyball, Cross County sing-up/Parent meeting - HS gym - 6:30 p.m.
- August 11 - HS Football practice begins - 7:00 a.m.
- August 11 - HS Volleyball practice begins – 8:00 a.m.
- August 11- HS Cross Country practice begins - 8:00 a.m.
- August 18 - MS Football (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) practice begins – 4:00 p.m. (Parent meeting - 6:00 p.m.)
- August 18 - MS Volleyball sign-up/parent meeting - MS Gym - 4:00 p.m.
- August 18 - Bronc Booster Fall Picnic - Lou Graslie Field - 6:30 p.m.
- Coronation - Monday, September 19 - 7:30 p.m.
- Homecoming (Bronc Day) - Friday, September 23 - parade starts 2:30 p.m.

**Physical Examinations**

Physical forms must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian prior to taking the physical examination. Forms are available during the summer at participating clinics and the School Administration Office. Forms can also be picked up at the Middle School and High School offices after August 1<sup>st</sup>. All Middle School and High School students participating in a sport, cheerleading, or dance team will need to have completed and passed a physical examination before they begin practicing the activity. The school must have a copy of each student’s physical examination before they will be allowed to begin practice. Physical examinations dated prior to April 1, 2016 will not be valid!

For school athletic physical appointments, the following are offering specials: Dr. Abby Johnson (723-3434), Dr. Shawn Stinton (892-4909) & Tri-State Chiropractic (892-4845). Tri-State Chiropractic will be offering free physicals on Sat., July 30 (9am-3pm) and Wed., August 3 (8am-5pm). You must call ahead for an appointment and tell them it’s for a school athletic physical. The Belle Fourche Regional Medical Clinic (723-8970) will also be giving student physical examinations. The physicals are free with a PA or nurse practitioner or \$28.00 for the exam with a doctor. After August, a charge will be assessed. See District website for complete details regarding physicals: [www.bellefourcheschools.org](http://www.bellefourcheschools.org)

**PLEASE DON’T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO GET YOUR PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED!**

**Fall Concussion Testing**

All impact testing will take place at the High School in Room #145 (Mrs. Day). See below for testing information, times & dates. 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders and anyone who is a first time HS participant or had to take a post-injury test due to a head injury during the 2015-16 school year will need to take/retake the test. 7<sup>th</sup> grade football players will also be tested. Participants in Fall Boys Golf, XC & Dance do not need to take the impact test.

**Impact Concussion Testing Schedule at HS:**

- July 26 –
  - HS VB (9 & 11 graders) - 7:30 a.m.
  - HS Girls Soccer (7, 9 & 11 graders) - 8:00 a.m.
  - HS Boys Soccer (7, 9 & 11 graders) - 9:00 a.m.
  - HS Cheer (8, 9 & 11 graders) – 10:00 a.m.
- August 1 – MS Football (7 graders) – 11:00 a.m.
- August 2 – HS Football (9 & 11 graders) – 11:00 a.m.

Admission charges and activity tickets for the various activities are listed below. Activity tickets may be purchased at the High School Office any time after August 8, 2016.

**ADMISSION FEES:**

K-12 with no activity ticket	\$3.00
Adult with no activity ticket	\$5.00
K-12 season activity ticket	\$25.00
Adult season activity ticket	\$35.00
Senior Citizen (Age 55).....Free Pass from HS Prekindergarten.....Free	

**(Activity Tickets will not be honored at Tournaments or playoff games)**

**Driver’s Education**

Mr. Tonsager will be running Driver’s Education class in two sessions. The fall session will start on Sept 16 and running for 8 intersession Fridays from 8:00-12:00. The spring session will start Jan 13 and also run for 8 intersession Fridays from 8:00-12:00. Classes will be held in the High School in Mr. Tonsager’s classroom. Students will also be given 6 hours of driving experience that will be scheduled by the student. There will be a \$240 cost to enroll in the class and spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. The fee must be paid no later than the first day of classes. If you have any questions, please call Wayne Tonsager at (605)210-3090. Registration form on District website.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences:**

### **High School Conference Schedule:** Fall Conferences:

October 11 and October 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Spring Conferences: February 9 and March 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Middle School Conference Schedule:** Fall Conferences are scheduled the evening of October 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and day of October 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spring Conferences: the evening of March 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and day of March 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Quarter end dates: 1<sup>st</sup>Qtr October 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr December 21, 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr March 14 and 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr May 25.

**Elementary Conference Schedule:** Fall conferences are scheduled the evening of October 27 and day of October 28. Spring Conferences: the evening of March 2 and day of March 3. Evening conference times: 4 – 7:30 p.m. and Day conference times: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Our elementary schools will have three grading periods (Trimester End Dates). The first grading period ends on November 11, the second on February 24, and the third on May 25.

## **Assignment to Students in District:**

Belle Fourche School District students will be assigned to the various school buildings as follows:

**Kindergarten-** North Park School at 29 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone 723-3379, Fax 723-3381

**Pre-School Special Needs** - Early Intervention at 29 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone 723-9139, Fax 723-3381

**Grades 1-4** - South Park School at 1816 Valley Drive, Phone 723-3382, Fax 723-3384

**Grades 5-8** - Belle Fourche Middle School at 1302 Ziebach Street, Phone 723-3367, Fax 723-3374

**Grades 9-12** - Belle Fourche High School at 1301 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone 723-3350, Fax 723-3357

**Belle Fourche Education Connection** - Belle Fourche High School at 1301 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phone 723-3350, Fax 723-3357

**Special Education** IEP teams may consider services in alternate locations, depending on the needs of the student.

**Mailing address for all school buildings is: 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

## **Important Services for Students**

**DID YOU KNOW...?** The Belle Fourche School District provides free, appropriate public education for all children with disabilities from birth through age 21, including any eligible child within the jurisdiction of the District, including those enrolled in any public or private agency or school. Special Education services provide an educational program based on the concept of least restrictive environments (LRE). The goal of LRE is to educate children with disabilities with children without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate.

**If your child is not performing up to his/her ability, is not able to keep up with peers academically, emotionally, or socially, and you feel other options are needed, please contact the**

**Special Education Director, Caleb Case at 723-3356 for information regarding the special education referral process.**

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**\*\*SNOW DAYS\*\*** When the decision is made that school will not be in session due to bad weather, the announcement will be made over the following radio and television stations: **KBFS, KBHB, KDSJ, KSQY, KIMM, KKLS, KDDX, KOTA-TV, KEVN-TV, AND KNBN-TV.** Parents will also be notified via our automated phone calling system.

**Please remember that any days missed during the school year due to weather will be made up and scheduled as soon as possible as determined by the School Board.**

## **Schedule of School Beginning and Dismissal Times:**

North Park - Kindergarten: 8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

South Park – grades 1-4: 8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Middle School – grades 5-8: 7:55 a.m. - 3:43 p.m.

High School – grades 9-12: 7:50 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.

Beginning and dismissal times may be changed when deemed appropriate or necessary by the District.

## **Child Custody Notification**

By law, if parents are legally separated or divorced, each parent has equal rights to the custody of the child/children UNLESS a parent has a court order that indicated which parent has sole custody of the child/children.

The school **MUST HAVE A COPY** of the court order on file, otherwise either parent may check the child out of school with proper identification.

## **Administration**

Dr. Steve Willard, Superintendent	723-3355
Susan Proefrock, Business Manager	723-3355
Mathew Raba, High School Principal	723-3350
Kevin Smidt, Middle School Principal	723-3367
Ryan Young, Elementary Principal	723-3382
Clay Anderson, Activities Director	723-3359
Caleb Case, Special Education Director	723-3356
Facilities & Transportation	723-3360

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Brandi Vansickle, School Nurse	723-3382
Justin Olson, Food Service Manager (Lunchtime Solutions, Inc.)	569-1957
Bus Garage	892-2683



# SUPPLIES FOR 2016-17 KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

## \*NO PEANUT PRODUCTS\*

### KINDERGARTEN

1 ream white copy paper  
1 Large eraser  
2 boxes of 8 Crayons, regular size  
1 pack small Glue sticks (not Elmer's liquid or rolling glue)  
Fiskars blunt scissors (metal)  
Box for supplies, plastic (**no larger than 8" x 5"**)  
No. 2 wooden pencils (**no plastic or glitter coated pencils**)

Watercolor paints, Crayola or Prang brand  
1 Kleenex (large box)  
Back pack or book bag  
8 wide-tipped Crayola markers (classic colors only)  
1 box of colored pencils  
1 spiral bound wide-ruled notebook  
Large disinfectant wipes container  
2 boxes snacks per month

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1" 3 ring binder for Mrs. Bohlmann's room

### FIRST GRADE

Box of Crayons, 24 pack  
4 Large Glue sticks  
2 Large green or pink erasers  
Fiskars scissors  
School box  
12 No. 2 lead pencils - plain yellow  
2 Kleenex (large boxes)  
1 box crackers per month  
8 Crayola washable wide-tipped markers (Classic colors only)  
1 - Lysol wipes  
Colored pencils (optional)

### SECOND GRADE

No. 2 lead pencils (**not plastic or glitter coated**)  
4 Glue sticks  
1 bottle white Elmer's glue  
2 Large pink erasers  
Box of 24 crayons  
Fiskars scissors  
8 Crayola washable markers (optional)  
Kleenex (large box)  
School box, about 8" x 4" x 1 3/4" deep  
1 - Clorox wipes  
2 - Dry Erase Markers  
1 package pencil top erasers  
**NOTE: School supplies left from last year may be used.**

### THIRD GRADE

No. 2 lead pencils-package of 12 (no mechanical pencils)  
1 Large eraser  
3 wide-ruled notebooks  
Scissors (Fiskars recommended)  
10 white Glue sticks  
Crayons  
2 Kleenex (large boxes)  
2 heavy duty (2 pocket folders)  
(No Trapper Keepers)

### THIRD GRADE CONTINUED

small supply box or bag  
2 large containers of Clorox disinfecting wipes  
1 box of crackers per month  
Colored pencils  
1 bottle white Elmer's glue  
Small pencil sharpener (with cover)  
Headphones

### FOURTH GRADE

2 Dry Erase markers  
White Board eraser (or sock)  
3 Spiral notebooks, wide-rule  
Elmer's liquid glue and 2 glue sticks  
2 Red pens  
5 No. 2 pencils  
1 Large eraser  
Crayons - 48 pack  
12" ruler - cm, inches  
Scissors (pointed) (medium size) - NOT SMALL  
1 Kleenex (large box)  
Colored pencils  
Calculator - required  
Markers (package of thick and thin tipped)  
2 Folders (No Trapper Keepers)  
Small pencil sharpener, with cover  
Plastic supply box (about 11" x 6" x 2" deep - big enough for glue, scissors, markers, etc.) (Ziplock containers work well too)  
1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder  
2 - Clorox wipes

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(SOME OF THESE SUPPLIES NEED TO BE REPLENISHED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)

### **REQUIRED: Tennis shoes for P.E.**

Please put your child's name on all supplies.  
Everything listed per grade level is required.

### Supply list for Early Intervention Students

1 - backpack (large enough for papers)  
2 - glue sticks  
1 - bottle of liquid glue  
1 - box of crayons  
1 - box of markers  
1 - water color paints  
2 - boxes Kleenex  
2 - containers of Clorox wipes  
Cracker snacks - Please bring one box at the beginning of each month

### Screening dates for Early Intervention are:

Friday, September 2, 2016  
Friday, November 11, 2016  
Friday, January 6, 2017  
Friday, February 24, 2017

# SUPPLIES FOR 2016-17, 5TH - 12TH GRADE

**Grades 5-8: Lock for Locker Required (may rent or purchase your own)** - combination locks are offered in the office for \$5.00, which will be refunded when the lock is returned. If you use a key lock, please give an extra key to the homeroom teacher. NO LASER LOCKS.

**No self-enclosed pencil sharpeners allowed!**

## **5th GRADE**

Trapper with zipper  
(No book bags on wheels, as they do not fit in lockers)  
Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)  
2 spiral notebooks (wide-lined)  
1 three ring binder, 1 ½ inch wide  
No. 2 pencils (re-supply as needed)  
Colored pencils (12 count only)  
4 Glue sticks (re-supply as needed)  
Scissors  
Erasers/pencil top erasers (re-supply as needed)  
4 Composition notebooks for Science and Lang. Arts  
(100 pages)  
2 Trapper folders with pockets (1 for computer class)  
2 Kleenex (large boxes)  
1 large Clorox wipes (optional)  
1 Hand sanitizer (optional)  
Fine tip black Sharpie (optional)

## **6th GRADE**

Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)  
2 - 3 hole punched folders with pockets  
2 large pink erasers  
3 different colored Highlighters  
12 - No. 2 lead pencils (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS)  
2 – 1 ½ inch 3 ring binders  
1 - package of 5-tab dividers  
3 - packages loose leaf lined paper (college ruled)  
3 pens (no black)  
3 Composition notebooks  
3 large boxes of Kleenex  
2 large Clorox wipes

## **7th GRADE**

Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)  
No. 2 lead pencils (package)  
Black or blue pens  
Erasers  
Red pens (package)

## **7th GRADE Continued**

1 package loose leaf paper  
Colored pencils - 1 box  
5 folders with pockets (1 for computer class)  
3 Kleenex (large boxes)  
1 Composition notebook (Science Lab)  
3 spiral notebooks (Language Arts & Math)  
1 - 2 inch wide 3 ring binder  
1 Trifold (needed for future projects)  
Index tabs for 3 ring binder

## **8th GRADE**

Lock for locker (may be rented in the office)  
No. 2 lead pencils  
Black or blue pens  
Colored pencils  
12" ruler  
2 Kleenex (large boxes)  
Loose leaf paper  
2 large Glue sticks  
Trapper or binder with dividers  
9 ¾" x 7 ½" composition book (Lang. Arts)  
2 double pocket folders (1 for computer class)  
1 large Clorox wipes (optional)

**ART SUPPLY LIST** - 5-8 Grade - two wooden pencils, large eraser, colored pencils (12 pack), fine point - black Sharpie, and Clorox wipes.

**P.E. SUPPLY LIST - 5-8 Grade** - gym bag, shorts, shirt, white socks, towel, soap, deodorant and non-marking tennis shoes (shoes may be an old pair). Sweats for cold weather. Combination lock for PE locker - no key locks. A sleeve type folder, spiral notebook, blue or black and red pens for Health Class.

(SOME OF THESE SUPPLIES NEED TO BE REPLENISHED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)

## **HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)** **SUPPLY LIST**

2 Three ring binders 1 1/2" or 2", No. 2 lead pencils or mechanical pencils, black or blue pens, 5-7 spiral notebooks. Bag or backpack with a sleeve specifically for carrying a laptop.

# NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR DISABLED STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

The purpose of this notice is to inform parents and students of the rights granted to them under Section 504. The federal regulations that implement Section 504 are found at Title 34, Part 104 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and entitle parents of eligible children and the student themselves to the following rights:

1. You have a right to be informed of your rights under Section 504. The School District must provide you written notice of your rights under Section 504. (This document represents written notice of rights required under Section 504). If you need further explanation or clarification of any of the rights described in this notice, contact Tina Rosenkranz, Section 504 Coordinator, at South Park Elementary, 723-3382, and she will assist you in understanding your rights.
2. Under Section 504, your child has the right to an appropriate education designed to meet his or her educational needs adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met.
3. Your child has the right to free educational services, with the exception of certain cost normally also paid by the parents of nondisabled students. Insurance companies and other similar third parties are not relieved of any existing obligation to provide or pay for services to a student who becomes eligible for Section 504 services.
4. To the maximum extent appropriate, your child has the right to be educated with children who are not disabled. Your child will be placed and educated in regular classes, unless the District demonstrated that his or her educational needs cannot be adequately met in the regular classroom, even with the use of supplementary aides and services.
5. Your child has the right to services, facilities, and activities comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
6. The School District must undertake an evaluation of your child prior to determining his or her appropriate educational placement or program of services under Section 504 and also before every significant change in placement.
7. If formal assessment instruments are used as a part of an evaluation, procedures used to administer assessments and other instruments must comply with the requirements of Section 504 regarding test validity, proper method of administration, and appropriate test selection. The District will consider information from a variety of sources in making its determinations, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, reports of physical condition, social and cultural background, adaptive behavior, health records, report cards, progress notes, parent observations and test scores.

8. Placement decisions regarding your child must be made by a group of persons (504 committee) knowledgeable about your child, the meaning of the evaluation date, possible placement options, and the requirement that to the maximum extent possible, disabled children should be educated with nondisabled children.
9. If your child is eligible under Section 504, he or she has a right to periodic evaluations to determine if there has been a change in educational need. Generally an evaluation will take place at least every three years.
10. You have the right to be notified by the Belle Fourche School District prior to any action regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
11. You have the right to examine relevant documents and records regarding your child (generally documents relating to identification, evaluation or placement under Section 504).
12. You have the right to an impartial due process hearing if you wish to contest any action of the District with regard to your child's identification, evaluation, or placement under Section 504. You have the right to participate personally in the hearing or to be represented by an attorney if you wish to hire one.
13. If you wish to contest an action taken by the Section 504 committee by means of an impartial due process hearing, you must submit a notice of appeal or request for hearing to the District's 504 Coordinator (Tina Rosenkranz, South Park Elementary, 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, Ph. 723-3382). A date will be set for the hearing and an impartial hearing officer will be appointed. You will be notified in writing of the hearing date, time and place.
14. If you disagree with the decision of the hearing officer, you have the right to seek a review of the decision before a court of competent jurisdiction (normally the closest federal district court).
15. With respect to other issues surrounding your child's education that do not specifically involve identification, evaluation or placement, you have a right to present a grievance or complaint to the District's 504 Coordinator, who will then investigate the situation, taking into account the nature of the complaint and all necessary factors, in an effort to arrive at a fair and speedy resolution.
16. You also have a right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education. The address for the regional office that covers the Belle Fourche School District is US Dept. of Ed., 10220 North Executive Hills Blvd., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas City MO 64153-1367, Ph. # (816) 880-4200.

## **ATTENTION: PROJECT CHILD FIND BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT NEEDS IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Belle Fourche School District will continue conducting a child identification project which will identify and evaluate children under the age of 21 who may require special education services. ANYONE who may know of a child in the District with unserved special needs is asked to contact Caleb Case, Special Education Director at 723-3356 or Lisa Ward at 723-9139.

After children have been referred, the District will gather all needed data to determine if an evaluation is warranted.

Parents' permission will be obtained before any evaluation will be completed.

Following a comprehensive multi-disciplinary evaluation, a meeting will be held with the parents, child (if appropriate), diagnostician, and other appropriate individuals to determine needs and develop an appropriate education program.

Parents need not know that their child has special needs before referring; instead the Belle Fourche School District encourages any parents who have concerns regarding their child's development to contact the District.

Quarterly screenings are made available to the public and are conducted at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center with collaborative efforts of Head Start, Butte County Public Health Nurse, and The Parents Resource Network/Parents as Teachers.

Screenings are held in September, November, January, and February. Please watch for further information regarding Child Find efforts.

Caleb Case  
Special Education Director  
723-3356

## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS COMPLAINT POLICY AND TITLE X PART C -HOMELESS EDUCATION**

A parent, student, employee, or District stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal NCLB funds and is unable to resolve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the District's superintendent.

Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation (including interdistrict disputes), and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth may initiate the dispute resolution process directly at the school they choose, as well as at the District Office. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the School's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian or youth to appeal the decision. Students should be provided with all services for which they are eligible while disputes are resolved.

1. The superintendent will investigate, within one week, the circumstances of the complaint and render a decision, within two weeks, after receipt of the complaint.

2. The superintendent will notify the complainant of the decision in writing.
3. The complainant will be allowed one week to react to the decision before it becomes final.
4. The complainant will either accept or disagree with the decision and will provide such acknowledgement in writing, addressed to the superintendent.
5. If the issue is not resolved with the superintendent, the complaint will be forwarded to the School Board for further review. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the District's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision.
6. Unresolved complaints may be forwarded by the stakeholder to the South Dakota Department of Education for review. (Consult SD Department of Education Complaint Procedure).

## **Equal Opportunity Title IX-504**

The Belle Fourche School System is a nondiscriminatory institution that offers education opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or disability. Equal Opportunity Grievance Procedures – Specific allegations of violation may be submitted in writing to Title IX Coordinator, Clay Anderson, 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, (605)723-3359, within thirty (30) days of the grievance.

1. Within five (5) days, the coordinator will evaluate the grievance and render a written decision.
  2. Grievances will be discussed with the immediate principal involved and action through the principal with cooperation of the involved person(s) and the coordination will ensue.
  3. At the discretion of the principal, or coordinator, filee or involved person, a formal hearing can be conducted with concern persons resent and with a third uninterested party conducting the proceedings.
  4. This will be done within ten (10) days of the initial decision of the coordinator.
  5. If there is to be a hearing, all interested parties will be notified by writing as to the time and place.
- The decision of the coordinator or the decision resulting from the hearing may be appealed within five (5) days after the coordinator's written decision.

The following three steps shall be followed to appeal: (a) principal, (b) superintendent, (c) School Board. The School Board will act at its first meeting following the superintendent's decision. Following each step of appeal, a decision must be rendered within five (5) days. Correction or recommendation of discrimination practices will begin immediately following a judgment of discrimination. Accurate records of all proceedings, actions and discussions shall be kept by the coordinator.

Patrons of the Belle Fourche School District who claim mileage for the 2016-17 school year, must turn in mileage vouchers to the Administration Office by May 31, 2017.

# IMMUNIZATION REMINDER

All children entering the Belle Fourche School District this fall must have their immunizations current. The immunization record must show that your child has had: (1) DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) 4 doses- at least one after age 4; (2) Polio – 3 doses – at least one after age 4; (3) MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – 2 doses; (4) TB Skin Test – at least one on record; and (5) The parent must provide proof that the child has had chicken pox or the child must have a chicken pox immunization before entering kindergarten. Children and adults need a tetanus booster every 10 years. Hepatitis B Series is not required, but it is strongly encouraged. Parents of kindergarten and transfer students must bring the immunization record to school at the time of registration. All children entering school must be in compliance with South Dakota's immunization requirements. Each child's record must show the above immunizations.

## **NEW 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Vaccination Requirement:**

**South Dakota requires all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to get:**

**One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine on or after their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday**

**One dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine on or after their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. See District website for complete details.**

FAILURE TO SHOW PROOF OF THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING SENT HOME UNTIL THE PROPER IMMUNIZATIONS ARE OBTAINED.

Call your physician for an appointment or the Public Health Office at 892-2523 for immunizations. When registering your child for school, please notify the school if your child has allergies or any health concerns. We do our best to adjust the child's schedule to accommodate health problems of any kind. NOTE: the school will no longer purchase non-prescription pain reliever for student use at school unless under the direction of the School Nurse. If your child needs prescription or non-prescription medication, a parent or guardian must come to school and fill out the proper forms. We look forward to a healthy and happy school year!

~Brandi Vansickle, School Nurse~

## **AFTER SCHOOL OASIS**

The Belle Fourche Area Community Center provides a fun, safe, and enriching environment for children grades K-4. After School Oasis is a licensed out-of-school time (OST) program and runs from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. on days which school is in session. Daily and weekly enrollment is welcome. Children must be signed up a week in advance. Fantastic Fridays are full day programs offered on several days when school is not in session! For more info, contact Monica at 892-2467.

## **AFTER SCHOOL TRAK PROGRAM**

(State Licensed Provider)

Grades: 1 – 4 Time: 3:20 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Place: South Park Lunchroom

Dates: Every day that school is in session for a full day

Activities include homework, computer skills, art, science, social science and language arts. Enrollment forms must be filled out in order for students to participate. These may be picked up at South Park Elementary School office. TRAK does not provide transportation. There is also a seven week program during the summer. For further information, please call 605-645-1190.



## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT**

The U.S. Government and the State of South Dakota require that we notify you annually of asbestos in our buildings. The law requires all school buildings to be inspected for asbestos. The first inspection took place in 1988. The report showed the areas that contained asbestos. Since then, the school has established a maintenance program to monitor and repair asbestos continuously. The law requires that we inform you of any removal of the asbestos.

In the past, we have informed you of areas that have had removal. This past year, removal was done at the High School.

The law further requires that we keep a copy of our Asbestos Management Plan on file and available for public viewing. A copy is on file with the Facilities & Transportation office at 2305 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, SD. For more information, please call Facilities & Transportation at (605) 723-3360.

## **Parent Portal**

Parent portals, via the internet, are available as a means to further promote educational excellence and to enhance communication with parents. The portal allows parents to view their own child's school records anywhere at any time via an internet connection. The portal is available to every parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the Belle Fourche School District. Parents may stop in at the Administration Office to pick up the forms necessary to access this service or print the form from the District website.

## **Youth & Family Services**

### **Rural Head Start**

Youth & Family Services Rural Head Start is recruiting families with pre-school aged children (3 and 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>) who meet household income eligibility guidelines or have special needs. Please call 1-800-568-0202 or (605)645-1142 for more information.

## **INTERESTED IN SUBSTITUE TEACHING?**

A substitute teacher in-service will be held Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the Middle School Library at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a copy of your high school diploma or college certificate to the in-service if not already on file.



## INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MAIL PERMISSION FORM

We are pleased to offer students of the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 access to the internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return the form to the principal's office. Students 18 and over may sign their own forms.

Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further education goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Belle Fourche School District 9-1 supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

### District Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Individual users of the District computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with District standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the District is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network. Network storage areas and e-mail may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private.

Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored.

During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Outside of school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance and they exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

As outlined in board policy and procedures on student rights and responsibilities copies of which are available in school offices, the following are not permitted:

Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures  
Using obscene language  
Harassing, insulting or attacking others  
Damaging computers, computer systems, or computer networks  
Violating copyright laws  
Using another's password  
Trespassing in another's folders, work or files  
Intentionally wasting limited resources  
Employing the network for commercial purposes

Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

## Welcome Back Broncs

As it always seems, summer flew by too fast and fall is upon us. I am anticipating great things in the 2016-2017 School Year. Our buildings and grounds look fantastic thanks to the efforts of our custodial/maintenance staff. We are ready for the beginning of an exciting year.

We have a number of new K-12 staff members this year and some new assignments for veteran staff. It is difficult to replace the experience and knowledge of veteran teachers, but we hope the enthusiasm and commitment of our new teachers will help to inspire our students to learn. The following are the new members of our teaching staff:

Elementary Teachers: Ryan Young Elementary Principal, Tina Rosenkranz Elementary Student Advisor, Ryan Bush & Emily Walter Special Education, Kathryn Simonyak Music, Megan Haag & Jennifer Worthington 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Kelsey Ruzicka 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Mathew Wattier 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Holly Hamlin & Ann-Marie Hostetter 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Middle School: Darin Newton Science, Zachery Pavlicek band, Tiffany Bierschenk 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Rachel Sanders Special Education, and Keenan Justice Math.

High School: Randi Feist English

Other changes in the School District include:

- “*Mass Customized Learning*” (MCL) in the high school will expand to include more students. These students will work on their subjects at a self-paced rate.
- The School Board approved a new 1-to-1 computer initiative for grades 8 through 12. This program allows each student to have a laptop computer to use for school work at home and in their school building. The School District's plan is to continue to add a grade level each year until grades 5-12 have 1-to-1 computers.
- Improvements to Lou Graslie field including more handicap accessible parking, more paving, grandstand cutouts for wheelchair accessibility, and a new ticket booth for the north end of the complex.

With the progressive vision of our School Board and the dedication and hard work of administrators and staff Belle Fourche continues to be an educational leader in Western South Dakota.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Willard  
Superintendent of Schools

## NOTES: